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to Europe, and an excellent index. The large coloured maps are admirable and have been brought down to date. Our teachers who read German will find this book full of apposite and suggestive material for the amplification of class-room topics, and the classified bibliography will form a comprehensive and convenient guide to the most authoritative publications on all phases of the geography of Europe.

## In Northern Seas. Mr. Alfred Searcy's Experiences on the North Coast of Australia. By E. Whitington. Adelaide, 1905.

Newspaper articles reprinted in a p amphlet and relating to the adventures and observations of Mr. Searcy during his fourteen years in the Government service at Port Darwin and other places on the northern coast of Australia. The people of South Australia are particularly interested in the prospects of their Northern Territory, as the coming completion of the transcontinental railway is expected to give an impetus, at no distant day, to the development of tropical agriculture and the pastoral and mineral industries in that region. Mr. Searcy's descriptions of the natural scenery and fauna of this remarkable country are said to be accurate, and the attractions of the land, as he presents them, are declared by those who have been there to be all that he describes. There are a considerable number of characteristic pictures. The pamphlet suffers somewhat from the diffuseness of the newspaper style.

## Dans le Bled es Siba. Explorations au Maroc. Par Louis Gentil. xv and 364 pp., Illustrations, Appendix, and Index. Masson & Co., Paris, 1906. (Price, \$2.40.)

Mr. Gentil was the geologist of the latest Segonzac expedition in Morocco. It was a fruitful expedition in spite of the brief captivity of its leader in the hands of professional pillagers. Each member of the party had his own work, and Gentil's observations on geology and topography were made in the company only of his personal attendants. He made a short expedition between Tangier and Tetuan and four separate journeys in the western part of the main Atlas and the coast region south of Mogador. The last journey, which involved considerable hardship, led south from Demnat across the Atlas range, during the passage of which Gentil discovered the first fossils by which it will be possible to determine the age of the ancient axis of the range in these parts. On the southern slopes he also met with fossils of a fine carboniferous fauna. Throughout his journey he paid large attention to physiography, and his book treats largely of the genesis of the land-forms.

A geologist and geographer of attainments, Gentil entered a prolific field for pioneer scientific observation, and he was well qualified to observe and describe. The result is an exceptionally good book, and one of the best recent works of exploration. The publishers have produced it in a most excellent manner. The beautiful half-tone illustrations give a very large number of graphic views of the physiographical aspects along the explorer's routes. Unfortunately, not even a sketch map has been provided to show his routes.

## Some Facts about the Weather. By William Marriott. 8vo. London, 1906. pp. 32.

A "popular meteorological handbook," to quote part of the title, prepared by the assistant secretary of the Royal Meteorological Society, published at the low price of sixpence. We take it that this little volume covers about the ground of the popular lectures on meteorology given under the auspices of the Royal Meteorological Society at agricultural and other exhibitions, schools, etc., during the past few months. Some information is given regarding the more important meteorological phenomena, and a few illustrations make the text clearer.

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